

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

May 2012



## **President's Message - Barb Walton, [bwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:bwalton@jetbroadband.com)**

Everyone that I've talked to is very enthusiastic about the new lights that were recently installed along the main Ivy Hill entranceway. I want to thank every resident that joined the IHHA for making these lights possible. I also want to thank Roger Lohn who spent countless hours planning the lighting and working with APCO to get them placed just right.

In the next few weeks we will start landscaping around the Ivy Hill sign. Don Davis of the Virginia Tech Extension Service (and News & Advance) donated his time to work with us and help choose the right plants for the conditions. Roger and Ellie Lohn have been working with Kelly's Landscaping to implement Mr. Davis' plan and assure a beautiful outcome. Thank you all.

The Ivy Hill Ladies Association has already started working on plans for this year's Oktoberfest. I know that it's early, but mark the evening of October 27th on your calendar. You won't want to miss this FUN event! It promises to be the best one yet!

Don't forget to check the Ivy Hill website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) for current events and updates... and lost & found pets.

I wanted to let you know that the publication of the 2012 IHHA Telephone & Services Directory will be delayed a couple of months. At our Annual meeting it was suggested that we include Gilfield Village in our directory. It has taken me a couple of months to compile a mailing list for Gilfield and let them know what we are planning. We are now waiting for their residents to respond and provide their information.

Finally, it's the time of the year to join the IHHA. The dues are \$35.00 for a year, which pays for the mowing, landscaping, sign maintenance, lights and electricity at the main Ivy Hill

entrance, lighting at the other entrances and some sign maintenance, the website, newsletters, postage, neighborhood directory, flags for patriotic holidays, miscellaneous items that come up during the year -- and we even manage to work in a really great "get to know your neighbor event" - Oktoberfest! If you haven't already joined, please send your check to: IHHA, P.O. Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. If you can't remember if you've paid for this year, please call Wayne McMillan at 525-2090 or email him at fwmcm@yahoo.com. Help keep our neighborhood a great place to come home to!!

### **Forest Farmers Market**

Despite the unfortunate weather, the Forest Farmers Market opened their 2012 season on Saturday morning, April 28th. There was a pretty good turnout until the thunderstorm hit. During the first few hours after opening, the vendors did a brisk business as first time visitors and last year's regulars strolled along the stalls selecting spring greens, onions, root vegetables, strawberries, jams, preserves, meats, and crafts while a pair of musicians played lively bluegrass tunes.



The Market will be held every Saturday through October 27th in the parking lot behind the Forest branch of the Bedford Public Library. In addition, two holiday Markets will be held this year; a Thanksgiving Market on Saturday, November 17th and a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 22nd. A wider variety of vendors is planned for this year including breads, fresh produce, fruits, beef, pork, chicken, possible bison, fresh eggs, jams, jellies, bedding plants, local honey, possible wine, and a small amount of quality crafts. The Market can be contacted at forestfarmersmarket221@gmail.com

### **FVFD Open House**

The Forest Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 5th at the new Forest Fire House on Thomas Jefferson Road (Route 811). Come see what your generous donations have built! And if you would like to help support this critical community service, contact Bob Bashore at 525-0889.





## Architectural Committee

The IHHA formally took over responsibility for the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee on April 17th. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, or are planning a renovation project or new construction that requires Architectural Committee approval, please contact one of the members of the Board listed on the last page of this newsletter.

### **Summer is Around the Corner**

*Now is the time to think about all of your projects*

- \*Complete Swimming Pool Services – Including:  
POOL OPENINGS & LINER CHANGES
- \*Create a New Outdoor Living Space – Including:  
A NEW DECK – OUTDOOR KITCHEN – PAVER PATIO
- \*General Home Improvements – Including:  
NEW ADDITIONS – KITCHEN & BATH RENOVATIONS

**For More Information – Contact Bill Thomas at:  
434-546.0783 OR  
thomasdesignbuild@gmail.com**

### Pontoon Boat Wanted

David McBride, who lives at 2005 Weatherhill Road, wants to buy a pontoon boat. If you have a pontoon boat that you want to sell, or know someone who does, contact David at David.McBride@usis.com or DavidMcBrd99@aol.com or 944-2188.

### New Entrance Lighting

APCO has installed the new light posts on the "island" between the

entrance and exit lanes at the main Ivy Hill entrance and the power has been turned on! The five new lights will be illuminated every night from dusk to dawn.

### Ivy Hill Ladies' Association - Beth Manns, President, bethmanns@gmail.com

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) held its annual spring meeting on Tuesday, April 3. Once again, we combined the meeting with a wonderful lunch at the Ivy Hill Pool Pavilion. Nearly forty members and guests attended the meeting/lunch, which was catered by Gerald's of Wyndhurst.

During the meeting, we voted to re-elect the current officers for the next year, beginning October 2012. These officers are:

- Beth Manns, President
- Brenda Harvey, Vice President
- Margaret Deist, Treasurer
- Pat Bonning, Secretary

Karen Baker will continue to serve as Membership Chair. We are searching for a Social Committee Chair.

Plans are well under way for a summer dinner party to be held in June or July.

If you would like more information on the IHLA, please call Beth Manns at 525-2738.



## **Ivy Hill History**

It has been almost twenty years since a very heavy June rain - almost ten inches fell in less than a day - caused Ivy Creek to overflow its banks, flood the low-lying part of the golf course around the 12<sup>th</sup> green, and wash out Quail Ridge Drive at the low point between Quail Meadows Drive and Millstone Terrace. The photo was taken after VDOT had started repairs. Gilfield Village did not exist then, so for a number of days the folks that lived in the new neighborhoods in the north end of Ivy Hill were cut off from the rest of the community. The only way out overland, if you were fortunate enough to have a four-wheel-drive vehicle, was to cut across the farms behind Ivy Hill to Cottontown Road.



Most of the residents in the cut-off neighborhoods were also without power, water, and land-line phone service for several days. Those utilities ran underground adjacent to the roadway and were also severed by the washout. Note the temporary poles that APCO erected to provide emergency power to the northern end of the Ivy Hill subdivision.

Neighbors helped neighbors when and where they could. One enterprising resident - Fran Roberson on Millstone Terrace - even ferried her neighbors across the flooded 12th fairway behind her house in her canoe. (The 12th green was briefly an "island" green.)

If you have interesting information about the history of this area, or old photographs that you would be willing to share with your neighbors, contact the editor Lew Walton at [lwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:lwalton@jetbroadband.com). We would love to include them in a future Newsletter.

## **IHHA 2012 Dues**

As they have for many years, annual dues for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association remain \$35. Your 2012 dues are now due. Recently a dues notice was mailed to each homeowner whose dues payment had not been received by April 25th. Thus, the receipt of a dues notice indicates that you have not already paid your 2012 dues. If so, please complete the form below, enclose it with your check payable to "IHHA" and mail it to Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Thank you for supporting your association.

Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	
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## **Newsletter Ads**

Would your business be interested in advertising in the IHHA Newsletter? Ads are only \$25 per issue and reach more than 600 Ivy Hill households. If so, contact Barb Walton at [bwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:bwalton@jetbroadband.com) or 525-0459.

The Newsletter is published by the IHHA as a community service and is run at a loss. The income from ads helps defray some of the cost of publishing the Newsletters and allows the Association to direct more of our scarce resources to our primary mission of preserving and beautifying the Ivy Hill communities.



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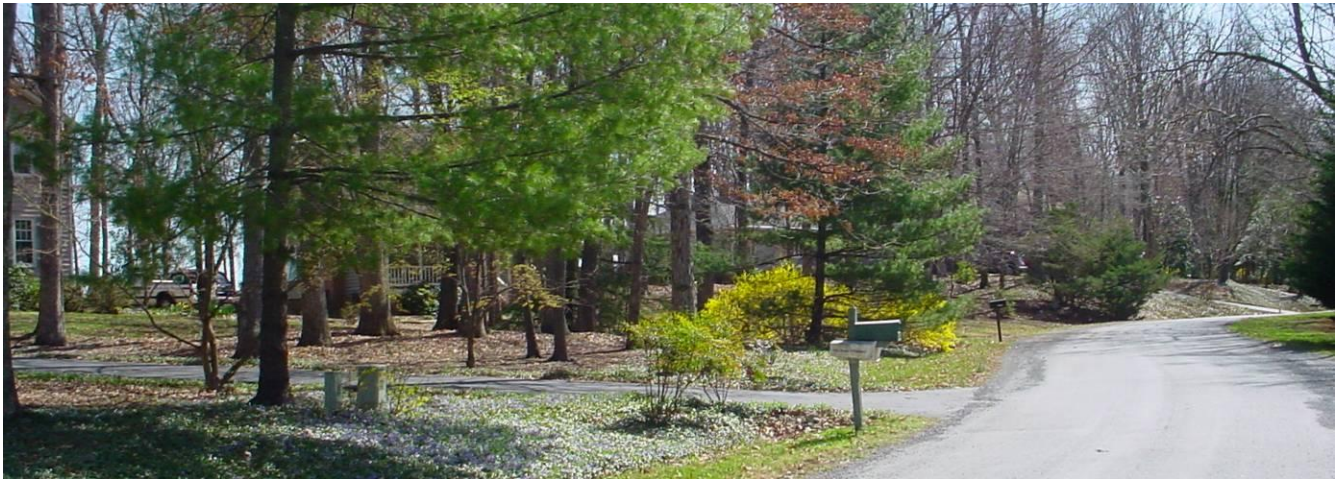
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## **Ivy Hill Website**

Have you checked out the Ivy Hill Website on the world wide web yet? Visit us at [www.ivyhill-forest.org](http://www.ivyhill-forest.org) and let us know what you think. Over 250 of your friends and neighbors visit the website in a typical month. The Website content is continuously being updated, so it's a great way to find out what is going on in the community and bridge the gap between quarterly Newsletters. This is your website. The website committee of Courtney Allison Brown, Chuck Endicott, Bill Hite, Roger Lohn and Lew Walton would welcome your suggestions. Contact [lwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:lwalton@jetbroadband.com) if you have content that you would like to propose for the website.

## **Host Families Wanted**

Host families are needed to provide a home for international students attending local schools in our area. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Carol Thomas at [beacon22.ct@gmail.com](mailto:beacon22.ct@gmail.com) or 546-0785.

**Don't Forget to your pay your 2012 IHHA dues!**



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